Atrocities on Reang Tribal Community in Tripura

1162. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindu Reang tribal community is being forced to abandon their religion by NLFT militants in Tripura; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to safeguard the Reang community from the atrocities of NLFT rebels?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Government of Tripura and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Amount sanctioned for Tribal Affairs

163. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned as well as provided by Government for tribal affairs during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether he has visited Rajasthan for review and on-the-spot inspection of the works being carried out, during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof? '

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The amount released to State Govts/UTs for Tribal Welfare during last three years are indicated in Annexure *{see* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 41).

(b) No, Sir. The new Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been set up only from the middle of October, 1999.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase of atrocities on Tribals

†ll64. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether atrocities on tribals in the country are increasing day by-day because of exploitation and its ineffective tackling;

(b) whether Government are considering afresh for the prevention ot atrocities; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.